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Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Placer Roseville, California

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATED AUGUST 17, 2021

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing updates to its face covering requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The changes announced today are effective immediately and expected to remain in effect until further notice.

On March 9, 2020, the Superior Court of Placer County announced the first changes in its operations due to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. Today's notice, roughly 17 months after the first change in court services, represents the 57th notice from this court in response to the pandemic. The court has continued to remain open throughout the pandemic with varying levels of service and operations in response to guidance from local public health authorities in an effort to balance the obligations to provide access to justice with the need to protect the health of the public, parties, attorneys and justice agency staff entering our courthouses, along with the health and safety of our judicial officers, employees, and court security.

Due to the increased prevalence of the Delta variant and COVID-19 hospitalizations in Placer County at levels more than 700% higher in August than June 2021, **face coverings are required in all courtrooms, regardless of vaccination status.** An exception to this requirement may be granted by the judicial officer presiding over matters in that courtroom. Additional requirements apply to individuals who are, or who are interacting with individuals who are, currently incarcerated or detained pending disposition of their case.

If you believe you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, or if you are subject to quarantine due to close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000 for further information. If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney first before calling the court. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss their bail with their attorney and bail bonding company.

For information on specific cases, please visit the court's website or call 916-408-6000.